

AbstractInformation Device

5 An information device for use with an engine of a vehicle includes lighting means (27, 28) for providing information about a power position of the vehicle, engine running detection means (70, 71) for detecting engine running, gear shift position detection means (60, 61) for detecting gear shift position, and illuminance control means (20) for controlling illuminance of said lighting means (27, 28). The illuminance control means  
10 is operable so that, when a detection is made by the engine running detection means (70, 71) that the engine is running and by the gear shift position detection means (60, 61) that the gear shift position is other than in a P range or N range, the illuminance control means (20) reduces the illuminance of the lighting means (27, 28) compared with the illuminance of the lighting means (27, 28) when the gear shift position is in the P range  
15 or N range. In a further aspect the information means (20) comprises vehicle speed detection means (81) for detecting vehicle speed, wherein the illuminance control means (20) is operable to alter the illuminance of the lighting means (27, 28) in response to the detected vehicle speed.

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[Figure 1]